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**Promotion of Hindi in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas**

70. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Hindi Translators/Hindi Officers/ Assistants created in the Ministry and its allied PSUs/attached and subordinate offices for propagation of Hindi as official language and encouragement of Hindi Correspondences;

(b) the number of such posts lying vacant and since when; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fill-up such posts urgently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Number of posts of Hindi Translators/Hindi Officers/Assistants created/lying vacant in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and its allied PSUs/attached and Subordinate offices alongwith reasons and steps taken to fill up such posts are given as under:—

	Name of the Organisation	Post Created			Vacant/ since when
		Hindi Officers	Trans- lators	Assistants	
1.	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas	2	2-senior 2-junior	—	1 Jr. Trans- lator 30-6-97*
2.	Indian Oil Corporation Limited	19	—	23	—
3.	Hindustan Petroleum Cor. Ltd.	9	22	20	3 Tran., 3 Asstts. from 1996@
4.	Oil India Limited	5	3	6	1 Trans. 9/2000**
5.	Kochi Refineries Limited	1	4	1	—

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6.	Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd.	1	2	2	—
7.	IBP Co. Limited	7	—	8	—
8.	Balmer Lawrie Limited	6	—	4	—
9.	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited	10	10	10	—
10.	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited	15	5	26	—
11.	Gas Authority of India Limited	10	2	7	—
12.	Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited	1	1	1	—
13.	Numaligarh Refinery Limited	1	—	1	—
14.	Engineers India Limited	3	4	10	—
15.	Biecco Lawrie Limited	1	—	1	—
16.	Centre for High Technology	1	—	—	—
17.	Oil Coordination Committee	1	—	2	—
18.	Oil Industry Development Board	1	—	—	3-12-1990@@@
19.	Petroleum Conservation Research Association	2 (Addl. Charge)	—	1	—
20.	Directorate General of Hydrocarbons	1	—	—	—

\* Deptt. of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs was requested to fill up the post on 15.9.97. Since then 10 reminders have been given. The latest reminder was sent on 24.1.2001.

\*\* The post was advertised in Sept. 2000. The process of appointment is on. Appointment will be made by next month.

@ These posts belong to Southern and Eastern Regions of the Country. As suitable candidates were not available, these are being filled on internal reappointment basis.

@@ The Selection process is on and it will be completed by April, 2001.

#### Shortage of Kerosene in rural areas

†71. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PERTOLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of Kerosene oil in the rural areas especially in the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and hilly regions of the country; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.